

Netherlands Work Permits for Musicians Overview

No work permit is required for Canadian musicians for limited time engagements. There is no withholding tax for residents of Canada with a valid Canadian passport.

Work permits:

Canadian musicians are not required to have a work permit to perform limited time engagements in the Netherlands.

Taxes:

Canada and the Netherland have a tax treaty and Canadian artists are exempt from paying the withholding taxes (which otherwise would be 20%), if the musicians carry valid Canadian passports and are residents of Canada there is no withholding tax.

Promoters will have to hold back 20% of your fee until they verify that you are eligible for the tax exemption. Verification is simple but only can occur on the night of a performance.

For an individual artist the promoter verifies your passport and proof of your permanent address.

For groups the promoter will require to see the group's passports and witness that the majority of musicians performing are Canadian on the night of the performance.

The promoter will remit the balance of your fee after the concert date.

Vital Links:

Netherlands Tax Overview <http://www.mojo.nl/tax/>

List of countries with tax treaties with Netherlands <http://www.mojo.nl/tax/tax-treaty/>